

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01901-EGS**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY et al  
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/26/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/26/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6214760) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons)(Lai, Erica) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/26/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Lai, Erica) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/28/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (zeg) (Entered: 06/28/2019)
06/28/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued Electronically as to U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 06/28/2019)
07/26/2019	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Danielle C. Morello on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Morello, Danielle) (Entered: 07/26/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Melissa H. Maxman on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Maxman, Melissa) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Alexander McGrath on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (McGrath, Daniel) (Main Document 6 replaced on 8/1/2019) (znmw). (Entered: 07/30/2019)
07/31/2019	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Diana Viggiano Valdivia on behalf of All Defendants (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
07/31/2019	<u>8</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
08/01/2019	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/1/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/31/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 07/08/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION served on 7/5/2019; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 7/5/2019; U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT served on 7/5/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Lai, Erica) (Entered: 08/01/2019)
08/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>8</u> consent motion for extension of time. Defendants shall file an answer, or otherwise respond to plaintiff's complaint, by no later than August 7, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 8/5/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 08/05/2019)
08/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant Answer Or Otherwise Response To The Plaintiff's Complaint due by 8/7/2019, (mac) (Entered: 08/05/2019)

08/05/2019	<u>10</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 08/05/19. (Attachment: Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 08/05/2019)
08/07/2019	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT.(Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 08/07/2019)
08/21/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 08/21/2019)
08/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>12</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than September 24, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 8/23/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 08/23/2019)
08/23/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 9/24/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 08/25/2019)
09/24/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 09/24/2019)
10/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties <u>13</u> joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than October 24, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/2/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 10/02/2019)
10/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Further Joint Status Report due by 10/24/2019. (mac) (Entered: 10/02/2019)
10/24/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Lai, Erica) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
10/24/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
10/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>15</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than November 22, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/31/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 10/31/2019)
10/31/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Further Joint Status Report due by 11/22/2019. (mac) (Entered: 10/31/2019)